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Note These Price Reductions.

\$12.50 Suits or Overcoatings

Reduced to
\$9.90

\$15.00 Suits or Overcoatings

Reduced to
\$11.90

\$18.00 Suits or Overcoatings

Reduced to
\$13.90

\$20.00 Suits or Overcoatings

Reduced to
\$14.90

\$25.00 Suits or Overcoatings

Reduced to
\$17.90

Cloth Mills Are Overstocked and Want to Unload. Big Tailoring Sale Commences Monday.

Plain Facts.

The weather this month of April has been very unkind to all who deal in millinery and like goods, and we can assure you the tailoring business has not been favored. The woolen mills are all overburdened with cloths and are anxious to dispose of their stock. Some of the leading woolen mills of this country have urged us to help them unload, and to secure this end have offered us unusual price reductions, which we are going to give you the benefit of—right at the height (or you might say at the beginning of the spring season) we're going to give you the biggest treat you've ever known.

None Like It in Years.

This sale will create a great stir, it is the greatest reduction in prices that has been made in years—and is not confined to one or two lines of goods. Customers will be turned into buyers in a few minutes. Wish we could show you some samples of this great surprise sale. We've had several severe critics pass judgment on the display before we invited you. You can choose blindfolded and not make a miss. Now is your opportunity to save money on your Spring Overcoat, Spring Suit or Trousers. Perfect fit guaranteed.

Mertz and Mertz, Tailors,
906 and 908 F Street.

Note These Price Reductions.

\$5 Trousers

Reduced to
\$3.90

\$6 Trousers

Reduced to
\$4.90

\$7 Trousers

Reduced to
\$5.90

\$8 Trousers

Reduced to
\$6.90

\$9 Trousers

Reduced to
\$7.90

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT

DAILY EXCURSION BOAT TO RUN TO COLONIAL BEACH.

Arrowsmith Undergoes Inspection—Large Supply of Fish at Wharf—General Matters.

For the past two years the residents of, and those interested in, Colonial Beach have been trying to get a daily excursion boat between this city, Alexandria and Colonial Beach; but the effort was unsuccessful. It is stated, however, that Capt. Randall, the manager of the Randall line, has determined to put the steamer T. V. Arrowsmith on a daily route to the beach, leaving here early each morning and reaching home on her return trip about 11 p.m. The trips will be begun about the middle of June and will continue throughout the season.

The Randall line steamer T. V. Arrowsmith received her annual inspection yesterday. The examination was made by United States Inspector Wright as to hull, woodwork, boats, etc., and Assistant Inspector Staunton made the tests of the boiler, engine and machinery. The Arrowsmith was found to be in excellent condition and her license will be renewed.

While here the inspectors also examined and passed the little steam launch, Louis Randall. The River View excursion steamer Samuel J. Pentz underwent and passed her annual examination a few days ago. The receipts of the past season have been quite large, over 250,000 having been brought up by the river boats to the dealers at the wharf. Shad remain scarce, about 2.50 per pound; parrot, 8 to 10 cents per pound; white perch, 6 to 10 cents per pound; carp, 3 cents per pound; flounder, 5 cents per pound; sturgeon, 8 cents per pound; Spanish mackerel, 10 to 12 cents per pound; mullets and catfish, 10 to 15 cents per bunch; yellow perch, 5 to 10 cents per bunch.

The supply of oysters at the 12th street wharf was extremely scant this morning, less than fifty bushels being on sale, and they at increased prices, since yesterday but one vessel, the Amanda Lewis, having arrived in port with oysters aboard. She brought up about 300 bushels, and they were sold within a few hours after she reached the wharf. Prices this morning ranged from 90 to 70 cents per bushel for the small stock, up to 80 and 85 cents for the larger stock.

Capt. Gray Buys a Schooner.
Captain John Gray of this city has purchased the two-masted schooner Oakland from A. H. Schultz, John Lang and Samuel Thornton of Baltimore. The Oakland is of 57 gross and 45 tons net, is 65 feet long, 21 1/2 feet wide and 7 feet deep. She was built at St. Michaels, Md., in 1872. Captain Gray will fit the Oakland up and will

continue her in the freight trade for Chesapeake bay and the Potomac river.

The big dredge which has been at work deepening the water at the junction of the Washington and Georgetown channels was yesterday taken to the channel above the Long bridge, and will begin digging there. The first work will be done on the shoal lump on which the schooner Allen grounded some weeks ago. The piling which ran out from the Potomac Park has been taken up by Banks' pile driver.

The schooner Horace W. Macomber is at Port Tampa, Fla., loading phosphate rock for Alexandria, Va. The schooner Willie Thomas and the Perle are in port with full cargoes of cord wood for Carter & Clark.

The steamer E. James Tull has arrived with a cargo of Virginia pine lumber from Aquia creek for Johnson & Wimsatt. The schooner Rio Grande sailed yesterday evening from Alexandria for Norfolk. She will load lumber.

The schooner Patrick McCabe is in port with a cargo of cord wood. The longboat American Patriot is in port with a cargo of cord wood for Carter & Clark. The schooner Sidonia Curley is discharging her cargo of lumber for H. L. Bischoff at the wharf foot of 13th street southwest.

The schooner Alberta, having finished the unloading of her cargo of lumber, has sailed light. The tug J. D. Hoskins arrived in port yesterday with a tow of coal-laden barges. The Five Sisters discharged a cargo of cord wood at the wharf of Stephenson & Bro. yesterday.

Of General Interest.
The repairs to the broken rudder of the tug James Richards having been completed she has been launched from the marine railway at Alexandria and has resumed towing on the river.

The barge Neff, with a cargo of about 450,000 feet of Virginia pine lumber from the Rappahannock, has arrived for H. L. Bischoff. The work of overhauling and rebuilding the large steam launch, Daphne of this port is progressing rapidly, and she will be ready for service, it is expected, about the middle of May.

Extensive tests of a new marine boiler are being made at the wharf of Forsberg & Murray. The wheels of the steamer T. V. Arrowsmith are being braced and strengthened. The work is being done by Boswell & Co. The first excursion of the season to River View will be given by one of the German social organizations of the city tomorrow.

The dredge Alabama has been substituted for the dredge Pugh on the river improvement work at the Manassas river.

A large force of painters is at work on the steamer Harry Randall, painting and decorating her for her summer work on the river.

The barge for the new scow being built for Mr. T. A. Owens, it is stated, will not be ready for sixty days, when the scow will be launched and go into service freighting wood and railway ties between Aquia creek and this city.

A large dynamo, two electric motors and a lift of about 250,000 lbs. were taken to River View yesterday and today, for use in the construction of places of amusement.

ECHOES OF THE STAR

VARIOUS COMMENTS UPON THIS PAPER'S NEWS AND VIEWS.

David Is There.
From the Albany Journal.

It is difficult to see how Mrs. Nation can get time to attend to all the enterprises that confront her, with housecleaning time so near. She can't attend to them all. She can't attend to them all. She can't attend to them all.

Abdul Hamid and J. Pierpont.
From the Anconada Standard.

"Maybe the sultan can borrow enough from J. Pierpont Morgan while he is in Europe to put his finances on a better basis," says the Washington Star. The sultan is welcome to paint Constantinople every conceivable shade of vermilion on all he can borrow from J. Pierpont Morgan.

Patience and Backbone.
From the Cumberland Times.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "gets de reputation of being patient when de troof is dat dey's too inert to stan' up for whut dey is entitled to."—Washington Star.

Urban Ambition.
From the Albany Journal.

It is a very small town indeed which is not sooner or later seized with an ambition to hold a world's fair.—Washington Star. Or to be "liberated" by Mr. Carnegie.

A Conviction.
From the Hartford Post.

As the result of its investigation The Washington Star formulates the conviction that "this government would be justified in contentedly taking it for granted that whenever circumstances require a hero there will be one forthcoming."

Harrison as Presidential Candidate.
From the Chicago Herald-Record.

The Washington Star, which contemplates political affairs from a high, disinterested, bird's-eye view, looks upon Carter H. Harrison as proper presidential timber, and declares that "if he is re-elected mayor of Chicago by anything like a decided majority he will be in security at the head of the Illinois democracy and become a formidable presidential candidate before the convention of 1904."

The World's Wickedness.
From the Syracuse Post-Standard.

Some observant sage in the office of The Washington Star discovers that "a spirit of unrest seems just now to pervade the world; and he wonders whether a newly-developed microbe is at work, or whether the devil is out on a little livelier lark than usual."

Hardly the latter, for, judged by the world's wickedness, the old fellow is up to his limit about all the time.

Papa Zimmerman and His Grace.
From the Albany Journal.

It must be a little hard for father-in-law Zimmerman to come home after a hard day's tussle with young Manchester's debt and be obliged to address him as "your grace."—Washington Star.

He might, compromise by saying "my scapegrace."

Attorney General Knox.
From the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.

The Washington Star sees in Philander C. Knox of this city the next Attorney General of the United States. The Star is usually conservative in statements of this kind and only occasionally goes wrong. It was wrong a short time ago, when it was misled into stating there was hostility to Mr. Knox among western senators and members of Congress. The Commercial Gazette quickly showed that there was no foundation for the statement. The Star in its article on the subject mentioned no western senator or member who opposed Mr. Knox. The Commercial-Gazette had its correspondent interview the western representatives and senators to discover the truth of the matter. Not one but praised Mr. Knox. Those who are lawyers

were enthusiastic concerning his legal attainments and his ability. All declared that if nominated by President McKinley the nomination would be confirmed at the earliest moment. The Star now finds this to be true, and as a result predicts that Pittsburgh is to be honored in giving McKinley for his second administration his chief legal adviser.

Mr. Knox and the Trusts.
From the Wilkes-Barre Leader.

The Washington Star can be quite sarcastic on occasion. As, for instance, in the following addition to the new Attorney General: "In view of the panics and other calamities which are predicted in case of any sudden dissolution of the trusts, Mr. Knox is respectfully requested not to be too hasty." Surely it would never do for Mr. Knox to raise his hand against these objects of republican favor so early in his official career, and the trusts are not likely to be haunted by any fears that he will do so.

Sam Jones.
From the Albany Journal.

Amid all this talk about prophets being without honor at home, it is a pleasure to note that Mr. Sam Jones is still considered a great man in Toledo, Ohio.—Washington Star.

The point is not well taken. Since his election to be mayor of Toledo, Mr. Jones has been so much away from that city that it can no longer be properly regarded as his home.

Presidential Candidates.
From the Williamsport (Pa.) Gazette-Bulletin.

The Washington Star, with the sagacity born of many years' experience in political forecasting, suggests Funston for the presidency in 1904. After mentioning available timber like Roosevelt, Odell, Fairbanks and Taft, the Star says: "And now comes this picturesque young soldier Funston. Of course, it is a far cry from a deed of personal daring to the presidency of the United States. But suppose that, meanwhile, the young man comes home, enters politics, sweeps Kansas on some good platform, stumps the country for his party and shows a knack of doing other things well besides scouting and fighting. And then suppose that in a deadlock among the leaders of the republican national convention, some body proposes the name of this man in such circumstances. A notable thing is that of these five men Judge Taft is the oldest, and he only about fifty. Fairbanks, Roosevelt and Odell are all in the forties, and Funston is but thirty-five."

GERMANY MAY FIGHT US.
Big Navy Kaiser is Building Not Directed at England.

The London Saturday Review says that the expansion of the German navy is more in preparation for a contest with the United States than with Great Britain, because the readiest cause for a future naval conflict will be found in the struggle for the partition or the exploitation of the great South American continent.

The Review devotes a page to a description of the resources of South America, and tells of Germany's hundreds of thousands of settlers in Brazil and Chile, and of the inability of Germany to pursue her designs in South America without a conflict with the United States.

The article concludes with the statement that it would not be good policy for Great Britain to oppose Germany's legitimate aims, and that an alliance with the United States that had for its purpose the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine "would not only be ludicrously in opposition to her own interests, but it would rightly arouse every other nation to a death struggle against a genuine Anglo-Saxon menace."

Call of Cases Suspended.

In accordance with the announcement made by the chief justice last Monday, the United States Supreme Court yesterday afternoon suspended the call of cases for argument in that court until the reconvening of court next October. The court will meet next Monday to announce opinions, and will then take a recess until May 13, when there will be another announcement of opinions.

Letter Box Contract Awarded.

The Post Office Department yesterday awarded the contract for furnishing street letter boxes of steel to the government during the four years beginning July 1 next, to the Michigan Steel Box Company of Adrian, Mich. There are four sizes of boxes to be furnished, at the following prices respectively: \$2.00, \$3.75, \$4.35 and \$6.25. The last is a new size of box to be put into use.

ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY.

Have Been Collected.

The administration has at last succeeded in securing a collection of opinions from the leaders of the Senate of all political parties upon which to found negotiations for a new isthmian canal treaty, to replace the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. In other words, it is aware of the wishes of most of the senators and the only problem before the State Department is to frame a treaty that shall reflect those wishes, ensuring a two-thirds vote for ratification and shall yet be acceptable to the British government. If the London advice to the effect that the sine qua non is a neutrality clause is correct, then success on that point seems within reach. The statement is made that a majority of the Senate has confirmed the view heretofore attributed to the State Department to the effect that the Senate, by its action upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty at its last session, has already committed itself to the neutralization of any canal cut across the isthmus. So on the whole, the outlook for the negotiation of a new treaty is regarded in official circles as very much brighter than it was a few weeks ago.

It is expected that two drafts of a treaty will be framed before long, probably the latter part of June, on Mr. Hay's return from the west. In the natural course of negotiations, the first draft will probably be made by him, as a sort of tentative proposition of what the United States may be disposed to do. This will in turn lead to a counter-draft from the British government was disposed to go. Out of the two an effort will be made to secure some middle course. It is hardly expected, however, that final results will be attained before next fall, after the return of Lord Pauncefote from London.

THE COKE INDUSTRY.

Amount of Capital Invested in 1899 Was Over \$30,000,000.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin on the coke industry of the country, based upon the condition of the business in 1899. The report shows a rapid increase in production, the value of coke in 1899 being \$25,555,445, as against \$15,259 in 1890, the first year that the industry received attention from the census officials.

There were twenty-two states in which coke was produced in 1899, as against eighteen states in 1890 and nine in 1880. At each census Pennsylvania has stood at the head of the coke-producing states, more than two-thirds of the total coke product of the United States being made in that state.

The bulletin says that the present tendency toward large industries under management is illustrated in the statistics of coke production in 1899. The total number of tons of coke produced has increased 96 per cent and the value of all products has increased 115 per cent, while the number of active establishments reporting for 1899 was only twenty-three, or 10 per cent more than the number reporting for 1890.

The amount of capital invested in the industry in 1899 was \$33,502,679, as compared with \$17,462,729 in 1890, and \$4,769,855 in 1880. The increase of capital in 1890 over 1889 was \$10,039,950, or 109 per cent. As compared with 1880, the capital invested in 1899 increased 665 per cent. The total amount was \$4,130,294 in 1889 to \$7,883,062 in 1890, or 88 per cent. The value of the coke, tar, ammonia and surplus has obtained as by-products in return or by-product ovens in 1899 amounted to \$362,027.

The report shows that there is an average of 16,994 persons employed in the business aside from officers, clerks, etc., the aggregate salary roll amounting to \$7,065,739. There were 915 managers, clerks, etc., to whom was paid in the way of salaries \$797,230.

Death of Enoch G. Hipsley.

Enoch G. Hipsley, one of the oldest merchants of Baltimore, died yesterday at the Maryland General Hospital, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Hipsley was president of the Old Town Bank, a director in the Savings Bank of Baltimore, and was connected with other financial institutions. He left three children, one of whom is the wife of Captain Henry T. Egan, foreman of printing in the government printing office.

of Epilepsy and St. Vitus Dance.

Hunyadi Janos

IS THE BEST NATURAL APERIENT WATER KNOWN.

One Thousand prominent physicians have testified to this fact. Read what Professor Pictet of Bordeaux, France (Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University) writes: "Hunyadi Janos is indisputably the best of laxatives, it is admirably tolerated by the stomach, it acts without giving rise to intestinal irritation, and it, therefore, deserves its universal popularity."

Nature's Remedy for the Cure of

CONSTIPATION,

Disordered Stomach, Bilio-ness and Liver Complaints.

ASK For the Full Name, on bottle is BLUE. HUNYADI JANOS. LABEL with RED Centre Panel.

Dr. Greene's Nervura Cures Children

A. O. Smith, Northfield Centre, Vt., says:

"My little daughter Eva had St. Vitus Dance with all its horrible symptoms. We and our neighbors thought her case hopeless. The most skillful physician I could get failed to help her. I commenced giving her Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. The first bottle helped her, the second made a marked improvement, and four bottles cured her. She is now the picture of health."

L. C. Reed, Hegewisch, Ill., writes:

"My little daughter Eva was very nervous after having scarlet fever. He could not hold his right arm and leg still. Our physician's treatment made him worse. I got one bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and before it was all taken the St. Vitus Dance was gone. It is wonderful the way the medicine worked."

Mrs. J. W. Olin, Perry, N. Y., says:

"Our baby Kenneth was two years old and so nervous that he could not sleep. Neither would he eat scarcely anything. One bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy cured him completely, and I cannot say enough in praise of this wonderful medicine."

Mrs. B. B. Bowle, Lisbon Falls, Me., says:

"My daughter Lena, five years old, was taken with the Saint Vitus Dance. She was so bad that she could not feed herself, and could not use her left hand, and could not talk so we could understand her. She could not walk without falling down. After taking two bottles of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy she was entirely cured."

Mrs. Herbert E. Harrington, Box 274, Adams, Mass., says:

"After two years with our local doctors, we took our little boy Royal to a specialist and he told us that Royal had epilepsy and was incurable. He lost his speech for six weeks and continued having the fits so he would have nine or ten in a night. We saw Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy advertised in the paper, so we got a bottle and gave it to Royal as directed. In three days the fits left him, and we have seen nothing of them since."

Mrs. R. H. Watson, 153 Bloomingdale St., Worcester, Mass., says:

"My daughter Ethel May had twenty-six convulsions in two years. Her Epilepsy was very bad; she could not sleep nights, her limbs would draw up, and she suffered, oh, so much! She was as yellow as saffron and weak and delicate. Our local doctors gave her up. But, thanks to a wonderful medicine, she is now perfectly well and healthy. This remedy is Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and it has completely cured my little girl."

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CATAARRH-POWDER.

THAT distressed feeling in the head from the congestion and stopping of the nostrils is quickly relieved by Crown Catarrh Powder. Chronic Catarrh comes from neglected colds. Use Crown Catarrh Powder as soon as a cold begins to stop up the nostrils and you will get instant relief and prevent Grip and Pneumonia.

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